

Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge



New!

Guided Beginning Bird Watching Tours

Tour Schedule

Thursdays - - 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

October 16 & 30, 2003

November 6 & 20, 2003

December 4 & 18, 2003

January 8 & 22, 2004

February 5 & 19, 2004

March 4 & 25, 2004

April 8 & 22, 2004

Tour Information

The ranger and volunteer guided tours will visit the newly opened Bird's Impoundment Trail and the newly constructed Centennial Trail on the Refuge. Participants will learn how to use binoculars and field guides and will begin exploring the rewarding recreation of bird watching. The tours are free to the public and participants are asked to bring binoculars and a field guide (if they own them) and to meet at the Pelican Island Welcome and Orientation Area at 9:00 am located on north Historic Jungle Trail. Due to space limitations, please no organized groups.

Visitor Opportunities

Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge is open to the public daily from 7:30 am to sunset. New public facilities were created and opened this spring, in partnership with Indian River County, and include over 5 miles of foot trails and a boardwalk and observation tower, both giving visitors new opportunities for wildlife observation, wildlife photography and interpretive programs. Boating and fishing is permitted in the open water areas of the Refuge within the Indian River Lagoon.

Directions

The refuge is accessible from north Historic Jungle Trail on Highway A1A on Orchid Island, 3.7 miles north of CR 510 in Wabasso or 3 miles south of the Sebastian Inlet bridge.

For more information please contact the Refuge at 1339 20th Street, Vero Beach, Florida 32961

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